Revision of profit projection by IA

2601. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines revised the net profit projection and shown less profit;

(b) whether this will reduce the share value on the eve of offer of sale of share of Indian Airlines; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to project the Indian Airlines assets?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Improvement of runway at Bhuntar Airport (HP)

2602 SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that runway at Bhuntar (Kullu) Airport in Himachal Pradesh is not fit for Airlines which make the air companies to use small aircrafts for travel of tourists and others; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to improve or upgrade the runway at Bhuntar?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The runway at Bhuntar (Kullu) airport is 3700 ft. long.It is suitable for operation of 50 seater type of aircraft Indian Airlines and Jagson Airlines are operating scheduled flights to/from this airport. Due to topography of this airport, it is not feasible to extend the runway.

Non use of armed forces services in handling hijacking crisis

2603 SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not using the services of Army and the Air Force to deal with the situation at the time of hijacking incident:

(b) whether there was any resentment in Armed Forces during IC-814 hijacking; and